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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AND JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON GRAIN
SALES TO POLAND.

REF A. STATE 279284 B. STATE 274692

1. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED NOVEMBER 26 TO EXCHANGE LETTERS WITH
POLES STATING POLAND'S INTENTION TO BUY 2.5 MILLION TONS OF
GRAIN ANNUALLY FROM THE UNITED STATES, AND THE U.S. INTENTION
TO MEET POLAND'S IMPORT NEEDS, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITIES.
THE TEXT OF THE LETTERS CLOSELY FOLLOWS LANGUAGE IN REF B.

2. SECRETARY BUTZ'S DECISION IS TO ELIMINATE FROM JOINT
PRESS RELEASE THE PHRASE BEGINNING QUOTE THE U.S. IS DETER-
MINED TO FACILITATE ... UNQUOTE AND SUBSTITUTE A SENTENCE FROM
THE DRAFT LETTER FROM HIM TO MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI IN REF B.
THE SENTENCE IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE REFERRING TO THE OCTOBER
8, 1974, JOINT STATEMENT, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE UNITED
STATES REAFFIRMS ITS FULL INTENTION TO MEET POLAND'S PRESENT
AND FUTURE IMPORT DEMAND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITIES.
UNQUOTE. THE ONLY CHANGE IS THE SUBSTITUTION OF QUOTE
REAFFIRMS UNQUOTE FOR QUOTE STATES UNQUOTE.

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3. TEXTS OF LETTERS, TO BE DATED NOVEMBER 27, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE HONORABLE

EARL L. BUTZ

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND COOPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH WAS SIGNED ON OCTOBER 8, 1974 DURING THE VISIT OF THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PUWP EDWARD GIEREK IN WASHINGTON.

AS A TRADITIONAL IMPORTER OF GRAINS FROM THE UNITED STATES, POLAND EXPRESSES ITS DESIRE TO EXPAND ITS PURCHASES OF GRAINS, INCLUDING FEED GRAINS, FOR CASH AND ON CREDIT TERMS. POLAND HOPES THAT, AS IT HAS IN THE PAST, THE U.S. WILL GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO APPLICATIONS FOR CCC CREDITS FOR EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES TO POLAND. POLAND INTENDS TO BUY FOOD GRAINS AND FEED GRAINS ON THE U.S. MARKET DURING THE PERIOD 1976-80 IN ANNUAL AMOUNTS OF 2.5 MILLION METRIC TONS WITH AN ANNUAL VARIATION OF PLUS OR MINUS 20 PER CENT, ASSUMING THAT THE QUALITY OFFERED AND THE DELIVERY DATES WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE POLISH SIDE, AND THAT THE PRICE LEVEL WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM WORLD MARKET PRICES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH II OF THE JOINT STATMENT, THE AMOUNTS OF SPECIFIC COMMODITIES WHICH POLAND INTENDS TO IMPORT WITHIN THIS 2.5 MILLION METRIC TON FIGURE WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WORKING GROUP OR IN DIRECT CONSULTATIONS BY JULY OF EACH YEAR BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

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THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL FEASIBLE STEPS TO ASSURE THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUPPLYING POLAND WITH THE QUANTITIES OF GRAINS SPECIFIED ABOVE.

I BELIEVE THAT THE UNDERSTANDINGS AND ASSURANCES IN THE JOINT STATEMENT WILL FACILITATE THE STABILIZATION AND CONTINUED GROWTH OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN POLAND AND

THE UNITED STATES, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVERALL EXPANSION
OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS.

/S/ KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

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4. QUOTE

THE HONORABLE KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF THE
POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF TODAY, I WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT
THE UNITED STATES SHARES POLAND'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION AND TRADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
JOINT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WHICH WAS SIGNED ON OCTOBER 8,
1974 DURING THE VISIT OF THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF PUWP EDWARD GIEREK IN WASHINGTON.

THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES POLAND AS A TRADITIONAL IMPORTER
OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND VALUES POLAND AS AN AGRI-
CULTURAL MARKET. ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN FARMERS I EXPRESS MY
APPRECIATION FOR THE CLEAR INDICATION YOU HAVE GIVEN US
REGARDING POLAND'S FUTURE IMPORT NEEDS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS, THE U.S. RE-
AFFIRMS ITS FULL INTENTION TO MEET POLAND'S PRESENT AND
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FUTURE IMPORT DEMAND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. THE IMPORT
PLANS NOW BEING PROVIDED BY POLAND, WHICH INCLUDE ANNUAL
PURCHASES OF 2.5 MILLION METRIC TONS OF GRAINS, ARE THE BEST
WAY TO ASSURE THAT SUPPLIES WILL BE FULLY AVAILABLE FROM
THE UNITED STATES.

I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT, AS INDICATED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT,
THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES POLAND AS A TRADITIONAL AND
VALUABLE CCC CREDIT CUSTOMER AND WILL ACCORD POLAND'S FUTURE
APPLICATIONS FOR CCC CREDIT NO LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN
WILL BE ACCORDED TO APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER SOCIALIST AND
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES UNDER THE CRITERIA THEN BEING APPLIED
IN DETERMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF CCC CREDIT.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE HARMONIOUS

AND STABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH POLAND AND BELIEVES THAT THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC AGRICULTURAL DATA, WILL GREATLY FACILITATE U.S.-POLISH TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE EXPANSION OF COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS.

EARL L. BUTZ
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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